

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-44, 47-54, 56-70, 73-93, 95, and 96 are pending in the application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1, 44, 64, and 70 were amended to further clarify the invention. Applicants have deleted the matter regarding non-derivatized polysaccharides.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 2,131,387 ("387"). Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

On page 2 of the Office Action, it is alleged that the present invention is anticipated by the '387 reference. As the Examiner is no doubt aware, to anticipate a claim, each and every element of the claim must be disclosed in a single prior art reference. The '387 reference does not disclose each and every limitation of the present invention. Specifically, the '387 reference does not disclose a fabric care composition comprising, among other ingredients, a perfume.

Claim 1, as amended, discloses a composition comprising from about 0.001% to about 20%, by weight of the composition, of a fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and having a backbone comprising at least some 1, 3- β -glycosidic linkages, an effective amount to provide olfactory effects of perfume, and other optional ingredients. Claim 70 discloses a method for providing a fabric with a fabric care benefit, where said fabric is contacted with an effective amount of a fabric care composition comprising a fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and a perfume. The '387 reference does not disclose or even suggest the presence of a perfume. Thus, the '387 reference does not disclose each and every limitation of the claim. Because each and every element of the claim has not been disclosed in a single prior art reference, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection made under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1, 44, and 70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,885,306 ("306"). Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, it is alleged that the present invention is anticipated by the '306 reference. As the Examiner is no doubt aware, to anticipate a claim, each and every element of the claim must be disclosed in a single prior art reference. The '306 reference does not disclose each and every limitation of the present invention. Specifically, the '306 reference does not disclose a fabric care composition comprising, among other ingredients, a perfume.

Claim 1, as amended, discloses a composition comprising from about 0.001% to about 20%, by weight of the composition, of a fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and having a backbone comprising at least some 1, 3- β -glycosidic linkages, an effective amount to provide olfactory effects of perfume, and other optional ingredients. Claim 44 discloses an article of

manufacture comprising a fabric care composition comprising a fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and having a backbone comprising at least some 1,3 β -glycosidic linkages for providing a fabric with at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal, wrinkle reduction, wrinkle resistance, fabric wear reduction, fabric wear resistance, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric soil release, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction and an effective amount to provide olfactory effects of perfume in a package comprising a spray dispenser in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said polysaccharide to provide at least one of said fabric care benefits. Claim 70 discloses a method for providing a fabric with a fabric care benefit, where said fabric is contacted with an effective amount of a fabric care composition comprising a fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and a perfume. The '306 reference does not disclose or even suggest the presence of a perfume. Thus, the '306 reference does not disclose each and every limitation of the claim. Because each and every element of the claim has not been disclosed in a single prior art reference, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection made under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-44, 47-54, 56-70, 73-93, 95, and 96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,290,978 to Mak et al. ("978"). Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

The Office Action alleges that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the compositions of the '978 reference in a fabric conditioner or cleaner. Applicants respectfully submit that the '978 reference does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention. The compositions of the present invention include, among other ingredients, a perfume. The '978 reference does not disclose or even suggest compositions containing a perfume. Thus, the '978 reference does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

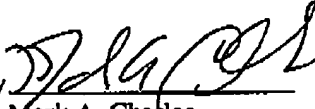
With regard to all claims not specifically mentioned, these are believed to be allowable not only in view of their dependency on their respective base claims and any intervening claims, but also for the totality of features recited therein.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants to arrange for a telephonic interview in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. A fee for a three month extension of time is believed due. Please charge any required fees to Procter & Gamble Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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